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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMAN

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SUBJECT:TERMINATION OF MILGPS

REF: ASUNCION 3277

1. AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE SITUATION OF MILGPS HEMISPHERE-WIDE, I HAVE DECIDED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONCUR IN THE DOD RECOMMENDATION TO CLOSE THREE MILGPS IN ARA COUNTRIES - COSTA RICA, PARAGUAY, AND URUGUAY BY SEPT. 30, 1976. SECTION 104(C) OF THE INTER-NATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND ARMSEXPORT CONTROL ACT OF 1976 NECESSITATES THE TERMINATION OF 10 MILGPS WORLDWIDE. HOWEVER, UP TO THREE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES (PRESUMABLY THREE OF THOSE ALREADY ASSIGNED TO THE RESPECTIVE POSTS) WILL BE PERMITTED BY THIS LEGISLATION TO
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STAY TO ASSIST THE AMBASSADOR WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF THE

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SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

2. I RECOGNIZE THAT THE SHORT LEAD TIME WILL CAUSE ADMINISTRATIVE HARDSHIP AND SOME POLITICAL COSTS. THE LATTER MAY BE SOMEWHAT AMELIORATED BY THE RENTION OF THREE ARMED FORCES REPRESENTATIVES WHO CAN DEMONSTRATE CONTINUED USG INTEREST IN PARAGUAYAN ARMED FORCES NATION-BUILDING PROGRAMS. THE GOP CAN ALSO BE REMINDED THAT USG PROGRAMS CONTINUE IN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, FMS CREDITS, MAP TRAINING, NARCOTICS, ETC. AND ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS FOR PARAGUAYAN PROJECTS IN THE IDB AND IBRD.

3. A SEPARATE MESSAGE WILL ADVISE WHEN YOU MAY INFORM YOUR HOST GOVERNMENT. MEANWHILE, THERE SHOULD BE NO CONTACT WITH HOSTS ON THIS MATTER. ROBINSON

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